

Meeting Summary
EWA TRANSPORTATION COALITION
Wednesday, July 13, 2005
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room B

Attendees:

Legislators

James Nakatani (Cong Case Staff)
Sen. Willie Espero (Senate District 20)
Jan Lehner (Sen Kanno Staff)
Donna Chun (Sen Kanno Staff)
Rep. Mark Moses (House District 40)
Rep. Rida Cabanilla (House District 42)
Tom Berg (Rep Cabanilla Staff)
Rep. Kymberly Pine (House District 43)
Rep. Marilyn Lee (House District 38 - House Transportation Committee)
Puni Chee (CM Garcia Staff)
Guy Kaulukukui (CM Apo Staff)
Charmaine Doran (CM Apo Staff)
Karen Awana (CM Apo Staff)
Wendy Sefo (CM Apo Staff)

City and County of Honolulu

Ty Fukumitsu (Dept Trans Svcs)
Bob Stanfield (Dept Planning Permitting)
Glenn Kimura (Kimura International)
Leslie Kurasaki (Kimura International)
Brian Suzuki (Dept Trans Svcs)

State of Hawaii

Facilitator: Councilmember Todd Apo

Recorder: Gemma Espresion (CM Apo Staff)

I. Introduction

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Councilmember Apo. Welcoming remarks were made and everyone present was thanked for their attendance. The purpose for the meeting is to coordinate and improve transportation infrastructure development and completion in Ewa, Ewa Beach and Kapolei.

II. Update: Kapolei East Developments – Department of Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL)

Micah Kane, Executive Director of the DHHL reported:

- ☐ Kapolei East Development projects are progressing and moving forward.
 - ✍ Project activities have been coordinated with the State Department of Transportation (SDOT) and City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
 - ✍ The significant roadway that impacts their construction project is primarily North-South Road and Kapolei Parkway.
 - ✍ The DHHL and the City have agreed to complete a portion of Kapolei Parkway leading to the intersection of North-South Road.
 - ✍ DHHL estimated that they plan to complete their section of Kapolei Parkway with the timing of the completion of the North-South Road for easier contra-flow between the Kapolei and Ewa regions.
- ☐ DHHL is undergoing development of two projects.

Scott Ishikawa (Dept of Trans)
Stanton Enomoto (HCDA)
Stephanie Aveiro (HCDCH)
Leo Domingo (HCDCH)
Micah Kane (DHHL)

Auxiliary Organizations

Gordon Lum (OMPO)
Paul Schwind (LURF)

Developers

Tosh Hosoda (Gentry Homes)
Debbie Luning (Gentry Homes)
Sharene Saito-Tam (Haseko Ewa, Inc.)
Bob McGraw (Haseko Ewa, Inc.)
Harvey Goth (Schuler Homes)
Carleton Ching (Castle & Cooke Homes)
Dan Davidson (Kapolei Property Development LLC)

Neighborhood Boards

L. Gary Bautista (Ewa NHB #23)

Other

Tesha Malama (Ewa Villages HOA)

✚ Village 8 Kaupe'a parcel is currently under civil construction.

- Phase I of the civil work will be completed September 2005
- Construction Phase I will include 326 home subdivision
- Work to begin September 2005
- Project will take approximately 1-1/2 year to complete

✚ East Kapolei 1 parcel important project for DHHL.

- Project consists of a 50,000 square foot office building for DHHL administration and staff.
- Construction is estimated to begin April 2006
- Completion by the end of January 2007.

□ Salvation Army was awarded a 65-year general lease on behalf of the Alliance Commission.

✚ It has been awarded the Kroc Family Center, a recreational and endowment facility.

✚ Facility will serve as a connector between these two regions and serve as a catalyst to engaged non-native residents into their community.

✚ Facility will provide recreation and social services, gymnasium, pool center, computer centers.

✚ The National Salvation Army Center allocated over 1 million dollar to a local Salvation Army to do a planning and design study.

III. Update: Ewa Makai Development Plan – Gentry Homes, Ltd.

Tosh Hosoda, Vice President - Gentry Homes, Ltd. reported on the following projects:

□ Geiger Road improvements between Kalaeloa (former Barbers Point Naval Air Station) and Kapolei Parkway

✚ Plans were prepared and submitted to various government agencies for their review in March.

✚ Anticipates that plan approval will take about a year.

✚ Construction should begin in early 2006 with completion in mid-2007.

□ Geiger Road/Kapolei Parkway Traffic Signal

✚ Plans are currently being reviewed by various government agencies and we expect approval in a few months.

✚ Anticipates that construction will begin late this year and completion in mid-2006.

□ Iroquois Point Road Improvements

✚ Plans are near completion and will be submitted to the various government agencies for their review and approval at the end of July.

✚ The approval process will take about a year.

✚ Gentry Homes, Ltd. anticipates that construction will begin in mid-2006 with completion in mid-2007.

□ Kapolei Parkway extension

✚ Plans are currently being reviewed by various agencies and we expect them to be approved within the next two months.

✚ Start of construction will follow soon after plans approval.

✚ Completion is anticipated for early to mid-2006.

IV. Update: State of Hawaii – Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Scott Ishikawa, Public Affairs Officer, SDOT reported:

❑ Fort Weaver Road Widening, Farrington Highway to near Aawa Drive (Phase I)

- ✎ First phase of the widening project is 98% completed.
- ✎ SDOT needs to restore the landscaped median and pave the Waipahu ramp to finish up the project.

❑ Fort Weaver Road widening, vicinity of Aawa Drive to Geiger Road (Phase II)

- ✎ This phase will pick up where the first phase of widening left off and continue to about 1,000 feet south of Geiger Road.
- ✎ The project will be a “Design-Build”, which takes out the lengthy gap between the design and construction phases.
- ✎ The improvements include widening Fort Weaver Road to six lanes throughout the approximate project limits, while adding a bike/pedestrian path on the Waianae side of Fort Weaver Road from Renton Road to Geiger Road.
- ✎ Project also includes:
 - Relocation of existing sidewalks, bike paths, guardrails, bus stops, driveways, traffic signals and highway lighting
 - Removing and disposing of inactive Army Signal Cable Trunking System
 - Relocating a gas line and water lines
 - Redoing median landscaping to provide plants tolerant to non-potable water
 - Replacing the temporary traffic signal at the Family Child Center with a permanent traffic light.
- ✎ Estimated construction cost is \$40,039,670.
- ✎ Awaiting approval of matching federal funds in order that they can advertise to bid in October.
- ✎ Contract to be awarded in Spring and work to begin shortly thereafter.

❑ North-South Road (Phase 1A)

- ✎ Awaiting approval from the State Department of Health on the contractor’s operation, so that actual construction can begin.
- ✎ The project scope consists of:
 - Relocating the endangered plants (Abutilon Menziesii)
 - Constructing new roadways
 - Drainage channel and a basin
 - Highway lighting system.
- ✎ Contractor: Robison Construction, Inc. (RCI)
Estimated Construction Cost: \$16,918,419
Time Schedule (anticipated): Begin: August 1, 2005
End: January 2007
Traffic Control: None needed

❑ Fort Barrette Road Widening, Farrington Highway to Barber’s Point

- ✎ Under the current Oahu Regional Transportation Plan the existing road is recommended for widening to four lanes.
- ✎ Project involves widening Fort Barrette Road
 - To a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median
 - Installing gates for railroad crossing
 - Auxiliary lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, curbs and gutters
 - Highway lighting, traffic signals, utilities
 - Underground drainage system

- ✍ An Environmental Assessment is in progress. The first draft of EA will be published in the QEQC on July 23, 2005.
- ✍ The consultant for the project is Parsons Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas.
- ✍ Design phase will begin October 2004 and tentatively scheduled for completion in October 2007.
- ✍ The construction phase is tentatively set to commence in June 2008.

V. Department of Transportation – City and County of Honolulu

Ty Fukumitsu, from the Dept. of Transportation Services gave the following summary report on the Traffic Light Synchronization Plan:

- ☐ Project areas include Downtown, Waikiki, Salt Lake, Waialeale and Kapolei.
 - Data collection information takes approximately 1-1/2 year to implement.
 - DTS will modify signals on Ft. Weaver Road once the widening construction along this road is completed.
 - Construction for the synchronization on Phase I will commence in 2006.
 - A video camera will be installed in the vicinity of Ft. Weaver Road to monitor on-going traffic.
 - DTS has identified a list that will include both the State and City.
 - DTS will submit list to the Federal Highway Division for approval and an 80/20 split.
 - City Council has appropriated funds to match this portion.
 - Phase I of the conduit system has been installed on Ft. Weaver Road.
 - Work will begin to install cable infrastructure in Phase II of the project.

Brian Suzuki of the DTS gave the following summary report on the Kamokila Boulevard Extension:

- ☐ DTS has retained Kimura International Inc. to do the planning and environmental assessment for the project. *(Glenn Kimura, President and Leslie Kurisaki, Senior Planner were introduced)*
 - Campbell Estate will design and construct a portion of the Kamokila Blvd. extension from the existing stub to a few feet mauka of the OR&L right-of-way.
 - DTS/consultant is coordinating planning with Campbell's engineering consultant so that their alignment will match the portion to be designed/constructed by City.
 - DTS/consultant has met with State DOT to explain project and coordinate planning with State.
 - Glenn Kimura explained potential issues of concern related to the project and the work tasks required for planning and preparation of environmental assessment which must be a federally compliant document.
 - Current timetable for planning/environmental assessment to be completed is February/March 2006.
 - Estimated timetable for design to be completed: September 2006.
 - Estimated timetable for construction to be completed: September/October 2007.

VI. Update: Kapolei Development – Kapolei Property Development LLC

Dan Davidson, Vice President of Kapolei Property Development LLC reported on the following projects:

- ☐ Signaling Plans for Kamokila Boulevard
 - ✍ Two signals being planned
 - Corner of Kamokila Blvd. and Manawai Street
 - Corner of Kamokila Blvd. and Uluohia Street
 - ✍ Timing
 - 2005 Design Phase
 - 2006 Construction Phase (first quarter if possible)
- ☐ Kamokila Extension toward Roosevelt
 - ✍ Kapolei Property Development LLC will
 - Design and construct the portion of the extension from the existing Kamokila Blvd. and Kapolei Parkway intersection mauka of the OR&L railroad (down to the drain).

- Coordinate with City DTS on City project which will run from Roosevelt up to their property line.

✎ Timing

- 2005 Design Phase
- 2006 Construction Phase

☐ Kapolei Town Connectivity

- ✎ From its inception, the City of Kapolei has explored a street grid system that emphasized connectivity.
- ✎ Recent amendments to Kapolei Urban Design Plan improve upon this by adding new streets, creating additional pedestrian bike connections.
- ✎ Creating a new “main street” concept for Wai Aniani Way within the City.
- ✎ Providing more mixed use opportunities within the City.
- ✎ Overview and Scope of Project
 - Kapolei region: 70,000 people; 24,000 homes; 16,000 jobs.
 - Within 190 acre City of Kapolei, 1.6 million square feet of commercial space has been built
 - 1.1 million square feet is in the negotiation or planning stages.
 - In the past 18 months, eight projects have been completed which added more than 500 jobs.

VII. Under Water Tunnel Proposal – Representative Rida Cabanilla

A power point presentation was provided by Representative Cabanilla.

- ☐ Other tunnels in other states and countries were referenced.
- ☐ A fee study mechanism will be undertaken
- ☐ A private venture would fund the project and toll monies would reimburse the investors.
- ☐ The first step in the process has been approved by the Legislature for \$200,000 for a feasibility study.
- ☐ Further meetings with the military and Congressional offices will be held

VIII. Announcements

Councilmember Apo announced

- ✎ Next OMPO Policy Committee meeting will be held on July 20, 2005, at 1:00 pm., at the City Council Committee Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Honolulu Hale.
- ✎ Next Ewa Transportation meeting will be held in October 2005. Agenda and Meeting Summary will be mailed to all invitees.

Senator Willie Espero announced

- ✎ An Inter-Island Superferry Informational Meeting on July 28, 2005, at 7:00 pm., at the Ewa Beach Public & School Library.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.